

Business Notes



Alice Zimmerman stands beside one of the stained glass pieces she has made.

For those interested in glass — as in stained glass, fused glass, and/or glass beadmaking — there is now a way to

Glass artist offers classes in Vernonia

learn new skills or enhance existing skills, at Alice's Stained Glass.

Alice Zimmerman's grandmother made stained glass windows for churches in Washington and Idaho. Zimmerman learned from her grandmother, then went on to private art schools, trained in graphic arts, then went back to stained glass. She started offering stained glass classes, then selling supplies, then opened a retail stained glass store in Arizona in 1978, where she stayed for over 20 years. During that time, she learned and taught (in addition to stained glass), glass fusing, mosaics, and glass beadmaking.

Zimmerman said, on stained glass, "I like that there are so many facets to glass, from the design stages, to working with the client, to fabrication and in-

stallation."

Zimmerman found Vernonia when one of her grandsons, who lives in Beaverton, drove through town then called and told her she had to come here because it was exactly the type of small town she likes. She came, she saw, she agreed, and she moved here just about a year ago now. She has her workspace set up now and is ready to start teaching, up to six students at a time. On teaching glasswork, Zimmerman said, "You are limited only by your imagination in glasswork," and went on to say, "I think that people who want to learn about stained glass are

basically good people."

Classes start in September, so call soon if you want to learn stained glass, glass fusing, or beadmaking. Classes can be tailored to beginning or intermediate students, or to experts looking for new techniques. Alice's Stained Glass also offers custom designed stained glass, so if you don't want to 'do-it-yourself' but have a window or door that is just crying out for some color, call Alice's Stained Glass.

You can call Zimmerman at 503-429-4535 or email to <alicefz@verizon.net>. For samples of her work, go to <www.alicesstainedglass.com>.

Deadline is near for watershed grant applications

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to award up to \$19 million in grants to help clean up and restore the nation's waterways. Proposals must reach EPA by October 16, 2006, for capacity-building grants and November 15, 2006, for project-implementation grants. Capacity-building

grants provide for education and training, whereas implementation grants involve actions such as protection and preservation.

The focus for this grant cycle, will be on community-based approaches, strengthening local capacity to protect and clean up water resources.

State governors and tribal leaders nominate potential recipients for implementation grants. EPA will evaluate and rank submissions based on cri-

teria outlined in each notice. Watershed organizations receive the awards based on how likely they are to achieve environmental results in a relatively short time. Selection of the grantees will be announced in the fall.

For more information on Targeted Watershed Grants: <http://www.epa.gov/twg>; grant process: <http://www.grants.gov> and on the 2005 Annual Report: <http://www.epa.gov/twg/2005annualreport>.

Columbia County jobs rate unchanged

Columbia County's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 6.1 percent in July. The rate was slightly higher than the statewide rate of 5.6 percent and higher than the national rate of 4.8 percent. Total employment in the county rose by 188 from May and the number of unemployed people increased by 51. Total employment was 22,104 in July and 1,430 people were unemployed.

July 2005's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1 percent. Total employment this July was 601 greater than one year before and 210 fewer people were unemployed.

Unemployment rates for other counties can be found at <http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmsj/AllRates>.

Wilson River bridge replacement will affect hunting season access

The Oregon Department of Forestry will begin work Sept 11 to replace a forest-road bridge across the Wilson River in the Tillamook State Forest, causing hunters and others wishing to recreate in the area to use alternate routes.

The bridge heading north off the Wilson River Highway (Hwy 6) between mileposts 22 and 23 will be closed until Jan. 2. This closure will block access to the Smith Homestead Day Use Area and the Jones Creek Campground and Day Use Area.

River access also will be periodically restricted for public safety reasons, which will im-

pact fishermen and kayakers. No in-stream work, however, will be necessary to replace the bridge.

The heavily used one-lane bridge is being replaced with a two-lane bridge and pedestrian walkway to improve public safety.

Alternate access is available through Cedar Butte Road off Highway 6 at milepost 18. The alternate access is on a steep, narrow road not recommended for passenger vehicles, trailers or motor homes.

For more information about the bridge and alternate access, call ODF's Tillamook office at (503) 842-2545.

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